



**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**  
**J. Robert Wooley, Commissioner of Insurance**  
Eighth Annual Health Care Conference – Radisson Hotel and Conference Center  
September 23, 2003 – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.      REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS**

Over 20 health exhibits will be operating throughout the conference to provide participants with information on a variety of health related topics.

**8:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.      INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

Deborah D. Harkins, Esquire – **Conference Moderator**  
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Errol J. King, Esquire – **Conference Moderator**  
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Donna D. Fraiche, Esquire – **Master of Ceremonies**  
Locke, Liddell & Sapp, L.L.P.

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**9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      2003 HEALTH INSURANCE LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW**

Honorable Troy Hebert  
Louisiana State Representative

**PANEL PRESENTATIONS (DISCUSSIONS)**

Each panel presentation will include a period of time to poll questions from the conference participants regarding the panel topic.

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      THE PRIVATE INSURANCE MARKET: NEW ANSWERS TO THE SAME QUESTIONS**

National health care policy experts, health care professionals and state regulators will discuss the potential impact of Association Health Plans (AHPs) federal legislation, group purchasing arrangements, Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (MEWAs) under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and issues related to ever increasing health insurance premiums.

**10:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m. MORNING BREAK**

**10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS, CARRIERS - THE EFFECTS OF REGULATION**

This panel of federal and state government officials, legal experts, providers and industry experts will discuss the HIPAA/HHS Administrative Simplification Regulations regarding transaction and code set standards for filing and paying health claims. These panelists will also discuss ERISA claims payment rules and their impact on the state MNRO and Timely Claims Payment laws.

**11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. BREAK AND VIEWING OF EXHIBITS**

**12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH - Deborah Harkins and Errol King, Introduction**

**John Maginnis, Syndicated Columnist  
Keynote Speaker**

**1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. BREAK**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM EFFORTS**

Senator John Breaux, via video presentation, and other national health policy experts will address many of the health care coverage approaches Congress is considering to address the growing number of uninsured Americans and the implications for the states, as well as give an overview of the major health care issues on the federal agenda.

**2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. STATE EFFORTS FOR COVERING THE UNINSURED**

This panel will discuss the incremental approaches adopted during the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to provide insurance coverage for Louisiana's uninsured citizens as well as other state experiences using similar approaches.

**3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. FOCUSED CARE FACILITIES**

As new focused care facilities continue to emerge in the State of Louisiana as a health care delivery system, alternative business models for how hospitals work with physicians will continue to evolve. Panelists representing focused care facilities as well as community hospitals will discuss important issues surrounding competition, medical costs, patient safety and the economic impact on Louisiana. Panelists will also give a national perspective on the issue.

**4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS**

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